

Appl. No. 10/604,015
Amendment dated August 1, 2005
Reply to Office Action of July 1, 2005

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-42 are presented for examination. Claims 15-16 and 35-36 are amended. Claims 1-7, 13-15, 21-27, 33-35, 41 and 42 are provisionally elected for examination, with traverse.

The specification is amended at paragraph [0064] to provide antecedent basis for language appearing in claims 13 and 33. The amendment is supported by the drawings at figs. 3 and 5, where the illustrated structure of element 66 could be termed a "channel follower" that, in turn, is received in a "channel" above rib 68. The amendment involves no new matter.

Claims 15-16 and 35-36 are amended to correct a reference to the proper closure panel, which should be the "first" closure panel instead of the "second" closure panel. The specification describes the structure of the first closure panel, i.e., the inner lid, at paragraph [0056]. The amendment involves no new matter.

The Office Action of 07/01/2005 presented an election/restrictions requirement between distinct species that were identified as the claims readable on figs. 1 and 6, or figs. 2 and 4, or figs. 3 and 5, or figs. 10-15. Applicant provisionally elects the species of figs. 3 and 5, with traverse. Applicant identifies the following claims as reading on the species of figs. 3 and 5: Claims 1-7, 13-15, 21-27, 33-35, 41 and 42.

Traverse is premised upon the lack of significant burden between examining the species of figs. 1 and 6 and figs. 2 and 4, in addition to the elected species of figs. 3 and 5. The additional inclusion of the species of figs. 1 and 6 and figs. 2 and 4 presently would not add any additional claims. Thus, there appears to be little or no burden on the Patent Office to consider claims reading on any of figs. 1-6. On this basis, applicant requests reconsideration of the election/restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,



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